

## Volunteers Sought for Elementary Math Classes

Volunteers are needed to help with a 12-week multiplication class being held after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the West Bountiful Elementary.

We could use grandmas, grandpas, moms, dads, even students needing to work off U's at school or give service in their community. The first class begins on January 23 and runs for 12 weeks. You need not sign up for every day or for the whole 12 weeks.

You may contact Mrs. Lindsley at West Bountiful Elementary at 402-2000 to sign up at times that are convenient for you. Monday and Wednesday classes will be held from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 1:30-2:00 p.m.

## Adult Classes and ACT Prep are Offered at Bountiful U of U Campus

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Utah offers courses, lectures, events, and fun for adults.

The Spring 2008 term runs March 31 - May 9. Registration opens February 26. There will be an **Open House** at the Bountiful UofU Campus March 6 where you can sample some of the classes free of charge and learn more about the program. Course locations are in Salt Lake & Bountiful. Call us today (801) 585-5442 or go online at [www.continue.utah.edu/osher](http://www.continue.utah.edu/osher).

Youth Education is offering **ACT Prep classes** on Wednesdays February 20 - April 9, and Wednesdays, April 16-June 4. Our instructors will provide you with concrete strategies for every section of the test and give full-scale practice exams to ensure you maximize your score. For more information call 581-6984 or go online at [www.youth.utah.edu](http://www.youth.utah.edu).



### WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY NIGHT at the South Davis Recreation Center

**Saturday, March 1  
7:00 pm - Midnight  
FREE with proof of residency**

**Swimming • Exercising • Ice Skating  
Walking Track • Basketball  
Racquetball • Wall Climbing**

## Temporary "Fill-In" Turns Into 30-Year Service for Bev Haslam

Bev Haslam was asked by J. Dell Holbrook to "fill in" for a few weeks in the West Bountiful City offices. Thirty years later, she's still here, serving as the veteran city recorder and a proud promoter of the city she loves.

"There are times I think about selling my home and moving into a smaller condominium," she says. "But there are no condos in West Bountiful, and I can't imagine moving away from the wonderful people here."

The city has changed over the years. In her years of service, Bev has seen the population nearly double, the business community grow about 10-fold, the police department increase from three officers to ten. But the flavor of the community remains the same.

"During the 1983 floods, for instance, the city was pretty much sealed off by the streams running down our streets, but the residents here pulled together and helped each other," says Bev. "There's a neighborly feel, a community based on genuinely good people who care about the important things."

She admits, however, being baffled by some comments. "You see it often...People move into a home next to a farm and then want the farm animals moved. They move next to the railroad tracks and then complain about the train. They move next to the oil refinery or the freeway, and then object about the impact on their lifestyle."

Bev grew up in Utah, moving to Bountiful as a teenager. She attended Bountiful High its first year in existence, but graduated from Davis since Bountiful did not yet have a senior class.

"It was a marvelous time," she recalls. "There was no war, very few drugs, no gangs. We were optimistic and happy." She moved to West Bountiful in 1973. Her late husband was a salesman in the truck part industry. Together they enjoyed their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—and Bev also loves her job.

"The greatest thing about my job is working with the staff and the residents," she says. "There was a time when I knew almost everyone who lived in the city."

As city recorder, Bev is in charge of accounts payable, business licenses and preparation of council and planning and zoning agendas. She also started the Youth Council in 1986 and, with her grandson, the Youth Court in 1999.

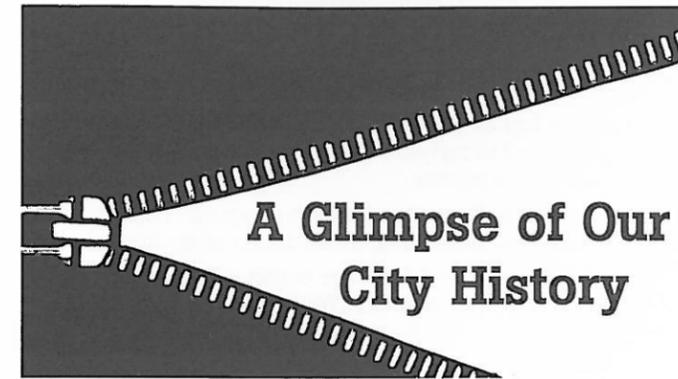
She doesn't know yet when she'll retire, but admits it's coming soon. Through volunteer work, she'll still be involved in the community.

## Discussions Planned with Power Firm Over Tree-Related Power Outages

City officials will meet with Rocky Mountain Power representatives to discuss recent power outages caused by trees severing power lines.

The power was off in some areas for as long as 12 hours. The problem stemmed from dead trees.

Residents are encouraged to have a back-up generator as part of their emergency preparedness plan.



**I**N South Davis County, the main emigrant road along 500 West became a line of demarcation between the settlers on the westerly bottoms and those in the Sessions Settlement on the drier soils nestled against the foothills.

As West Bountiful grew as a community, many of the early settlers built homes along 800 West. The farms here tended to be larger than in east Bountiful that shared the waters of Mill Creek and Barton Creek.

When Bountiful incorporated, many residents in the "West Sector" organized a vote to "detach" themselves, mostly over the issue of water allocation.

While onions were a central crop in West Bountiful, farmers would organize in the 1930s for the Davis County Asparagus Growers Association. The West Bountiful



group rented a basement of the Woods Cross Canning Company, a large spacious cool area with plenty of cold artesian well water to properly store and hold the asparagus until it was delivered to the Salt Lake Growers Market.

Nearly every farmer in West Bountiful had an asparagus patch and it gave them their first cash crop of each year. The deep, dark rich black loam soil with a high water table was ideal for the production of asparagus.

Near the beginning of World War II, production began to decline. Prices made asparagus farming unsuccessful (often the vegetable sold for less than one cent per pound), and young farmers looked to Oregon

and Idaho for larger acreages.

Some of the young people who came with the first pioneers had graduated from colleges in the East and were prepared to teach.

Two early schools were built in the area of 400 North and 200 West. Discipline was generously handed out to "miscreants." One method used by early educator Hannah Holbrook was to have a student stand, toeing a mark on the floor, knees straight, then bend from the waist and putting a finger on the crack in the floor—and remain in this uncomfortable position until told to get up.

Davis High School was built in 1914, with 10th-12th grade students riding the Bamberger train to attend school. Ninth grade students went to South Davis High School at 30 West and 400 North (Bountiful opened for West Bountiful students in 1951; Viewmont opened in 1964.)

The cooperative mercantile was the common "general store" in Davis County's early days. In West Bountiful, the Deseret Live Stock Co. opened to the public in 1891. Also, residents could buy goods from itinerant peddlers stopping at individual homes. Meat deliveries were also common until the onset of the Great Depression.

The West Bountiful LDS Meeting House was dedicated in 1904. With donated lumber, the total cost of the church building was \$14,200.

